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CLAIM TO CONVENTION PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

SIR:

On July 11, 2001, the Applicant's filed a Claim to Convention Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119, referencing the Japanese Patent Applications identified below. This filing has attached hereto ribbon-sealed certified copies of the cited applications. The Convention Priority Date of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-181314 was filed on June 16, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-092764 was filed on March 28, 2001, Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-156393 was filed on May 25, 2001, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-156394 was filed on May 25, 2001 and was claimed in the specification of U.S. Serial No. 09/880,925 filed on June 15, 2001. To complete the claim to the Convention Priority Date of said Japanese Patent Applications, certified copies thereof are submitted herewith.

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